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A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A STABLE THRESHOLD

CHARACTERISTIC (As Amended)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2005, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

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